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From: Jeryl Gardner

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Good summary notes, Dante.

Thanks, Jeryl

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Sitewide: Amodei briefing today, Dave, Jared, Enrique. Jeryl, governor response letter.

MSCA, looking at annual meeting in March along with public meeting.

Jeryl, maybe hold off on public meeting until after governor response in April 29. Dave, but commitment to give 3x/yr meetings. Jeryl, weigh whether something substantive to say vs. being there 3x per year regardless. EPA team to discuss at weekly. Jeryl will support whatever we want.

ARC letter to NDEP, no response, Jeryl, not pleased with letter, tying OU1 to OU8 re: contribution by ARC. Dave, had been gentlemen's agreement between Mike Montgomery and ARC for us to handle Arimetco heaps if they don't drag Arimetco into the groundwater, but ARC has broken that agreement.

Jeryl, ongoing discussions with local community, County, City, agricultural community, SPS, ARC, already had 2 talks and a third in a couple weeks, like last week February, generally ag interests are angry with SPS for not coming to the plate. Conceivable to have conceptual or draft agreement by end of April. NDEP meeting with YPT, shared perspectives on NPL and cleanup process, no consensus but understood each other, Dietrick suggestions that tribe would like to see state heavily involved whichever way it goes, NPL or not.

OU1: received bedrock assessment, to be reviewed. Background assessment, ready to send out EPA (Acree) comments, awaiting go-ahead from Harry & Angeles, Dave, EPA opinion that background more expansive than ARC's interpretation, open to technical discussion though, all other components of RI are done; completed review of RAO memo, acknowledge it was for discussion, schedule call with ARC etc. to discuss RAOs and background, within next 30 days.

Geochem report, DSR, Dave to check with Acree to see if it acceptable now, give Jeryl heads up when hear from Acree. Bedrock, hadn't been controversial but need to go through process of checking it.

OU3: Chris, HHRA, had call last week, series of tech memos leading up to workplan, information from tech memos will go directly into workplan, Alma from Environ, ecorisk by Arcadis, 30d for review of each tech memo, OU-wide risk assessment and hotspot evaluation, good call last week discussing comments on tech memo 1.

OU4: Deliverable just came in, supplemental information about field investigation, not sure what it contains, haven't opened yet. Looking to make sure original work plan is all incorporated in the sampling plan, if this deliverable contains such things. Dave, doesn't expect controversy on access plan into the ponds.

OU7: Check with Jack, ARC had said Feb/Mar to do the sampling. CSM, ARC hasn't yet made the required edit to the graphic.

OU8: moved water from SLOT to VLT. Annual report on bird deaths, EPA approved, Arcadis sending out to FWS. New strategy, higher allowable freeboard levels, and automatic pond level adjustments. Both agree on this, are to review OM plan to see what to update, discuss with ARC tomorrow.

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